

Amendments to the Drawings:

Attached hereto are Replacement Sheets 1 through 16 that clearly indicate reference symbol 30, as well as eliminating any hand drawing or hand lettering that appeared on the drawings as originally filed. New Sheet 17 includes new drawing figure 26, which illustrates the spring-loaded engagement means set forth in claim 25. No new matter has been introduced.

Attachments: Replacement Sheets 1 through 16

New Sheet 17

REMARKS

1. The Examiner has objected to the drawings because they do not include reference symbol “30,” and because the drawings do not illustrate every feature of the claimed invention. Pursuant to this Amendment, replacement drawing sheets are provided that clearly indicate reference symbol “30.” A new drawing sheet, with newly introduced drawing figure 26, clearly illustrates the spring-loaded engagement means of claim 25. Claims 32 and 33 have been canceled pursuant to this Amendment.

2. The Specification has been amended to add a brief description of new drawing figure 26, and to briefly describe the elements illustrates therein. New figure 26 merely illustrates the features set forth in claim 25. No new matter has been introduced.

3. The Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of claim 34.

4. The Examiner objected to claim 17 because of an informality regarding the term “removable.” The wording has been corrected pursuant to this Amendment, and the Applicant respectfully submits that claim 17 now avoids the Examiner’s objection.

5. Claims 26-31 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention. Pursuant to this Amendment, the language of claim 26 has been amended to refer to a “transit plate” throughout, so that proper antecedent basis is

provided. The Applicant respectfully submits that claims 26-31 now avoid the Examiner's objections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

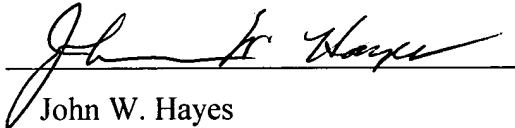
6. Claims 13, 16, 23, 24, and 26-30 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Dana et al. (Published U.S. Application 2004/0020088). Claims 13, 15-19, and 32 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sekiguchi et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,695,346) in view of Ludwig (U.S. Patent No. 3,841,010). Claim 21 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sekiguchi et al. in view of Ludwig as applied to claim 13, and further in view of Kainen (U.S. Patent No. 6,843,009). These rejections are respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

7. The Examiner has objected to claim 22 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but acknowledges that this claim would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Accordingly, Applicant has amended claim 13 to incorporate the limitations of claim 22 (and intervening claim 21) therein. Claims 21 and 22 have been canceled. Consequently, the Applicant respectfully submits that amended claim 13 is now in condition for allowance. Claims 15-20 and 23-31, as well as newly introduced claim 35, depend ultimately from claim 13, which has been shown to be allowable above. Consequently, these dependent claims are also in condition for allowance. New claim 35, which depends from claim 13, simply reintroduces the subject matter of withdrawn claim 14.

8. Issuance of claims 13, 15-20, and 23-31, as well as previously allowed claim 34 and newly introduced claim 35, is respectfully solicited. If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney.

9. A Credit Card Payment Form authorizing a payment in the amount of \$60.00 is enclosed to cover a one-month extension of time for response to the Office Action entered in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

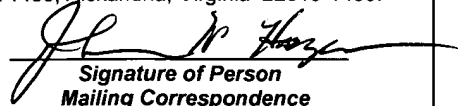
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